

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending, with claims 1-16 and 19-21 allowed. Dependent claims 22-24 have been added by amendment above. The office action rejects claims 17 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §112, 2nd paragraph. The office action objects to drawings, as well. In light of the following remarks and foregoing amendments, the applicants respectfully traverse the rejections and objection.

Claim 17 has been amended in accordance with the examiner's suggestion. As such, the rejections of claims 17 and 18 are obviated.

With respect to the drawings, the examiner objects stating that "the element 72 which assists in closing the second door must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s)." The applicants respectfully traverse.

As discussed in the telephonic interview on August 17, 2004, the apparatus highlighted by the examiner is an example apparatus—a point set-forth in the application, e.g., where the description provides the "drive mechanism 50 could also be used to close the lag panel 20." (See, page 10, emphasis added). While it is true that the example identified by the examiner is not currently illustrated, other examples are illustrated. This alone is sufficient to obviate the objection, especially where the office action fails to identify any claim that requires "the element 72 which assists in closing the second door." The applicants respectfully submit that the specification and drawings are sufficient without amendment.

Nevertheless for completeness, the applicants have added FIG. 13, which is similar to FIG. 6, but which shows an example element 72' that may be used in closing the second door panel. It will be appreciated by the reader that the description and illustrated implementation thereof are merely provided by way of example.

Separately, the applicants have amended FIGS. 4-7 to illustrate example protrusions, such as those discussed in the paragraph bridging pages 9 and 10 of the present application. The optional protrusions have been labeled 60' and 62', for explanation purposes.

No new matter has been added.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application (1-24) is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

A petition for a three-month extension of time and fee are filed herewith, along with a notice of appeal and fee.

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